CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25TH September 2018

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 12 members present. As this was a **Members' Evening** he invited members to show their Letter "**U**" and "**V**" contributions.

Members of Croydon Philatelic Society from left to right: John Ray, Michael Harris, Brian Asquith, Graham Harker, David Milsted, Chris Hitchen, Pauline MacBroom, Chris Board, Paul Percival.

Firstly **Paul Percival** presented stamps from 6 "**U**"s and one "**UV**" - **U**ganda, **U**kraine, **U**m Al Quwain, **U**nited Nations, **U**nited States, **U**pper **V**olta and **U**ruguay.

Chris Board followed with **U**nion of South Africa showing a comprehensive selection covering the transition from the 4 colonies into the **U**nion on 31.05.1910. Inter-provincial stamps were used in other territories as any stamps of the four colonies could be used in South Africa between 1904 and 1909. In 1911 there was a competition for new definitive stamps and varieties, shades, De La Rue printings and postal stationery were on show.

John Ray brought his "**U**" & "**V**" from Fiji including a **U**PU International Reply Coupon and postmarks from **U**du Point, **V**anuavatu, **V**iria and **V**unilagi.

Graham Harker's "**U**" & "**V**" showed **U**sed stamps of Queen **V**ictorian with postmarks all on Windsor Album leaves. He also showed **U**nmounted Mint stamps of KGVI and QEII including commemoratives, definitives, blocks, coil strips, booklet panes and Post & Go stamps from 2008.

David Milsted displayed pre-**U**nion of South Africa **V**ictorian stamps from the Battle of Modder River during the Boer War mainly Army Telegraph stamps including bisects. On show was a cigarette card with a Boer War **V**C winner.

Chris Hitchen displayed **U**niversal Postal **U**nion which the French joined on 8 January 1876. Changes took place between 1876 and 1878 in order to get in line with the rest of the world when they switched from ½ oz. (15gms) to the 10gms **u**sed by other countries. In May 1878 **U**nified rates were introduced.

Brian Asquith mounted his postcards with **V**iews of Triest/Trieste both **U**sed and **U**nused.

President **Graham Harker** thanked the tea-makers and all the participants for making it such an enjoyable evening and coming up with such a variety of material. He closed the meeting at 21.15 hours.

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